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In re National Phase PCT Application of

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For: A device and a method for stabilizing and
controlling the lowering or raising of a structure
between the surface and the bed of the sea

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 13 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.